Supreme Court of Kentucky

ORDER

Pursuant to KRS 533.250, signed into law in May, 1998, the Pretrial Diversion Program for Class D Felons submitted by the Powell Circuit Court (which is part of the 39th Judicial Circuit) is hereby approved by the Kentucky Supreme Court and added to the Circuit's local rules.

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CLASS D FELONY PRETRIAL DIVERSION PROTOCOL-FOR THE POWELL CIRCUIT

I. <u>Definition</u>

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II. Persons Eligible

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- A. Any person charged with a Class D felony, who has not had a felony conviction in the ten (10) years prior to commission of the current offense, or who has not been on felony probation or parole or released from felony incarceration within the ten (10) years prior to commission of the current offense, shall be eligible for pretrial diversion.
- B. The person charged must enter a plea of guilty, or a plea pursuant to North Carolina v. Alford, before becoming eligible for pretrial diversion.
- C. Persons ineligible for probation, parole or conditional discharge under KRS 532.045 shall be ineligible for this program.
- D. A person convicted of a Class D felony for which early release is disallowed by statute, including KRS 189A.010(8) and KRS 189A.120(2), shall be ineligible for this program.
- E. No person shall be eligible for this program more than once in any five (5) year period.

III. Procedure

- A. After indictment in Circuit Court, and no later than the pre-trial conference any person eligible for the program may apply to the Circuit Court and the Commonwealth for entry of a pretrial diversion order.
- B. The defense attorney will submit an application for pre-trial diversion to the Circuit Judge and the Commonwealth Attorney. In the application for pretrial diversion, counsel for the defendant must state, and the defendant must agree on the record, that in the event diversion is granted, any right to a speedy trial or disposition of the charge against him/her is waived.

- C. The Commonwealth shall make a <u>written</u> recommendation to the Court in response to each application. AOC Form 347, Styled Motion for Pre-trial Diversion of a Class D Felony shall be used for this purpose.
- D. Before making a recommendation to the Court, the Commonwealth shall:
 - 1. Have a criminal record check made by telephoning Pretrial Services at AOC at 1-800-928-6381, or faxing the request to (502) 573-1669. No such requests shall be made to the local Pretrial Service Officer.
 - 2. Interview and seek input from the victim and/or victim's family and advise them of the time, date and place the motion will be heard by the Court; and
 - 3. When diversion is recommended, the Commonwealth must make written recommendations to the Court of conditions for the pretrial diversion as well as the appropriate sentence to be imposed if the diversion agreement is unsuccessful. KRS 533.252(3).
 - 4. Have the Office of Probation and Parole prepare a partial pre-sentence investigation report.
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IV. Order of Pretrial Diversion

- A. The Court may, in its discretion, order pretrial diversion for eligible petitioners upon terms and conditions it deems appropriate. AOC Form 345, styled Order Granting Pretrial Diversion of a Class D Felony, shall be used for this purpose.
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 - 2. Whether the diversion shall be supervised or unsupervised (and include supervision fees, if applicable). In the event diversion is to be supervised, a monthly supervision fee of no less than \$10.00 or more that \$25.00 shall be imposed on the divertee.

- 3. Duration of the diversion.
- 4. Requirement that the defendant obey all rules and regulations imposed by Probation & Parole.
- 5. As required by KRS 533.030(1) [conditions of probation-restitution], Direction that the defendant not to commit any offense during the period of the pretrial diversion. The defendant shall be specifically directed to comply with any other provision of KRS 533.030 or any other condition the Court deems appropriate.
- C. The Order of Diversion may include the following:
 - 1. That the defendant remain drug and alcohol free and be subject to random testing.
 - 2. That the defendant have no violation of the Penal Code or the Controlled Substance Act.
 - 3. That the defendant possess no firearm or any other deadly weapon.
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If the plea agreement AND the diversion agreement are rejected, the Court shall notify the parties and advise the defendant he/she has the option of withdrawing the plea and proceeding to trial, OR maintaining the plea with the knowledge the Court will not order diversion but instead will impose a sentence within the penalty range permitted by law.

V. Voiding a Diversion Order

KRS 533.256

A. After a hearing, with notice to the Commonwealth and to the defendant, the Court may void a person's participation in pretrial diversion upon a showing of failure to comply with the conditions of diversion or a failure to make satisfactory progress. AOC Form 346, styled Order Voiding Pretrial Diversion of a Class D Felony shall be used for this purpose.

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If the defendant successfully completes the provisions of the pretrial diversion agreement, the charges against the defendant shall be dismissed. However, successful completion of a diversion contract does not result in automatic expungement of a criminal charge under KRS 431.076.

Approved, this the <u>29</u> day of <u>Nevember</u>, <u>1999</u>, by Larry Miller, Powell Circuit Judge, and Darrell A. Herald, Commonwealth's Attorney, to be effective immediately.

LARRY MILLER
Powell Circuit Judge

DARRELL A. HERALD Commonwealth's Attorney

Supreme Court of Kentucky

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CLASS D FELONY PRETRIAL DIVERSION PROTOCOL FOR THE BREATHITT CIRCUIT

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IOMY DAVID CAUDILL

Wolfe Circuit Judge

Commonwealth's Attorney